



## Interior Alaska's Natural Hot Springs

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Not all of Alaska is ice and snow! There are over 100 hot springs in the state. Many are inaccessible, but are important as geothermal resources.

### *What is a Hot Spring?*

Hot springs are the result of water that has seeped down through a fracture in bedrock. Deep inside the earth, the water is heated and returns to the surface through holes in the rock.

### *Where Can I Go To Experience One?*

There are a few hot springs in interior Alaska you can experience on your own. Access is either by road, by trail, or by undeveloped route. In some cases, access is limited to winter travel.

While planning your hot springs adventure, keep in mind that some of these places are remote and undeveloped. Map and compass skills, as well as backcountry skills are essential for your safety. Keep in mind, there is the potential of bear encounters. Prepare ahead of time by learning bear safety techniques. Always remember to pack out what you pack in. Adventurers after you won't want any evidence of your visit.

#### **Chena Hot Springs (Year-Round Access)**

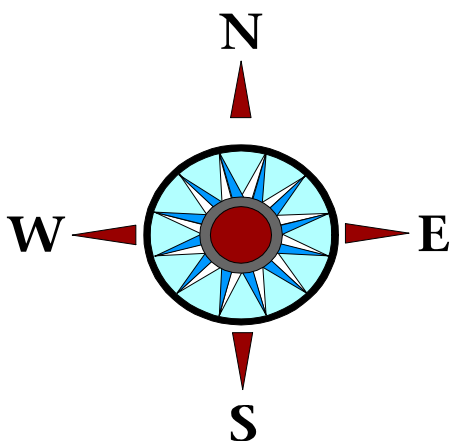
Mile 56 on Chena Hot Springs Road.  
There is a developed facility with lodging and camping accommodations. In winter, the northern lights can be seen from the comfort of the outdoor pool. Fees are charged.  
Call (907) 452-7867 for more information.

#### **Circle Hot Springs (Year-Round Access)**

Mile 127.8 off the Steese Highway.  
This is a developed facility which can accommodate camping and lodging. A large outdoor pool is located on the property. Fees are charged.  
Call (907) 520-5113 for more information

#### **Manley Hot Springs (Year-Round Access)**

Mile 151.2 on the Elliot Highway.  
A semi-developed facility with no immediate accommodations is located here. Visitors can enjoy the hot springs for a small fee.  
Call (907) 672-3161 for more information.



### **Tolovana Hot Springs (Primarily Winter Access)**

There is no road access to this area. Multi-use trail is accessible from mile 93 on the Elliot Highway. The trail to the hot springs is primarily a winter trail. It may not be clearly marked in spots, so good map and compass skills are essential for finding your way. Two cabins are available for use.

*Reservations are required for using both the hot springs and cabins. Call (907) 455-6706 for more information.*

### **Kanuti Hot Springs (Winter Access)**

A route to the hot springs is accessible from mile 103 on the Dalton Highway. The hot springs are very remote, and good map and compass skills are essential for finding your way. The nearby bed and breakfast can help you find the area. Call (907) 456-0527 for more information.

### **Hutlinana Hot Springs (Year-Round Access)**

Access is from the Hutlinana Creek bridge mile 130 on the Elliot highway. There is a small parking area near the bridge. The trail is not well marked. Good map and compass skills are essential for finding your way, to the hot springs. Beaver activity may have affected the flow. Call (907) 456-0527 for more information.

Topographical Maps for the hot springs can be purchased at the map office at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

### **Maps you'll need:**

#### **Tolovana Hot Springs**

Livengood B-4  
Livengood B-5

#### **Kanuti Hot Springs**

Bettles B-2

#### **Hutlinana Hot Springs**

Livengood A-6  
Tanana A-1  
Latitude 65°12'33"N  
Longitude 149°59'33"W

For more information on Alaska's hot springs, contact the following agency:

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